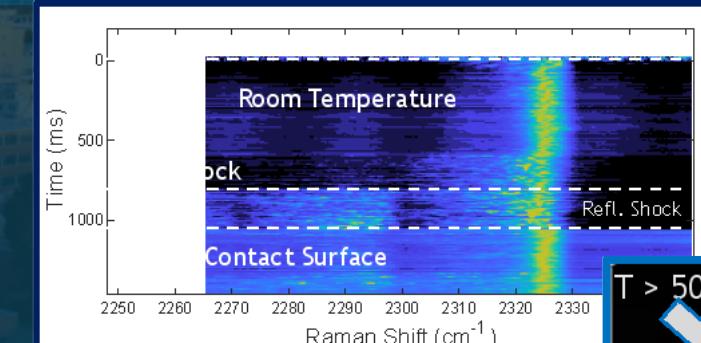


Burst-mode coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering thermometry in the Sandia free-piston shock tube



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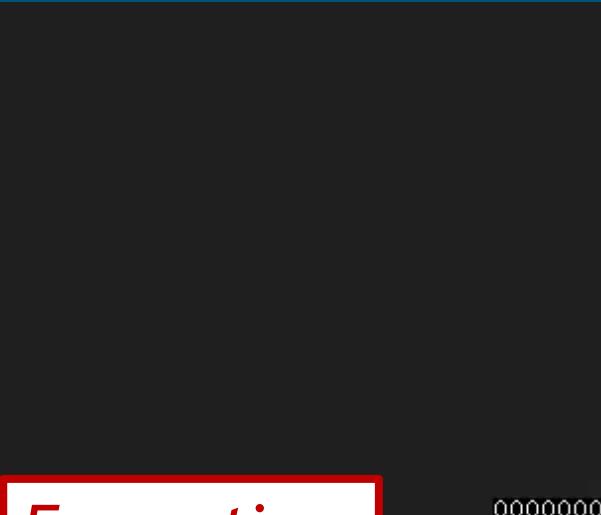
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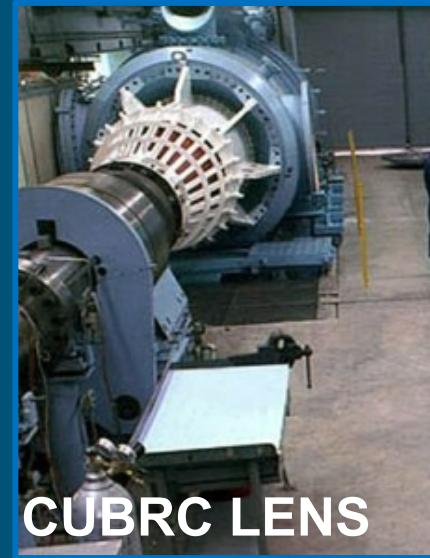
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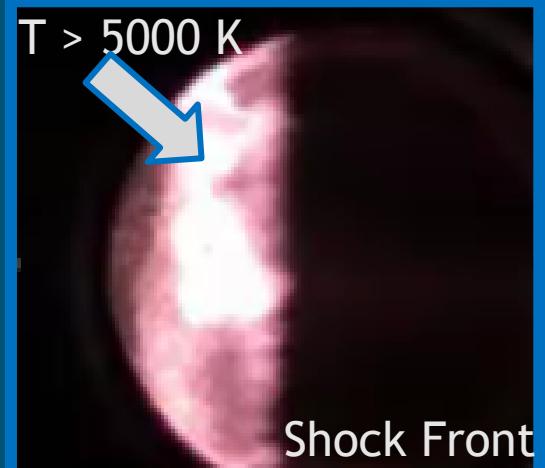


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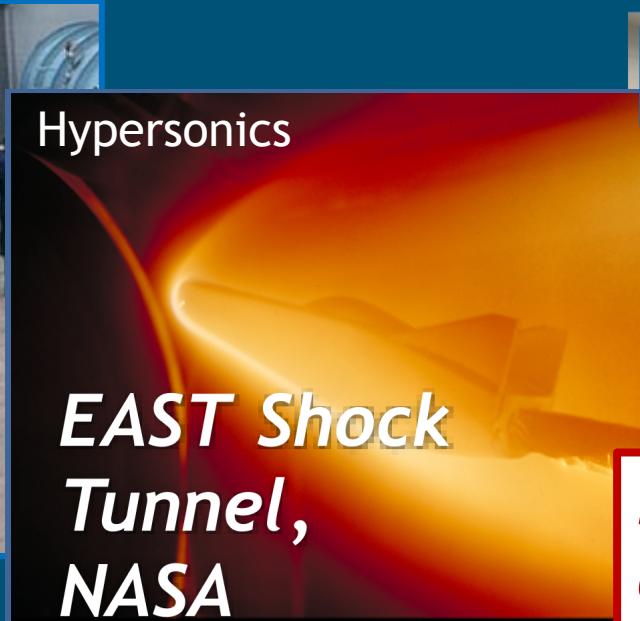
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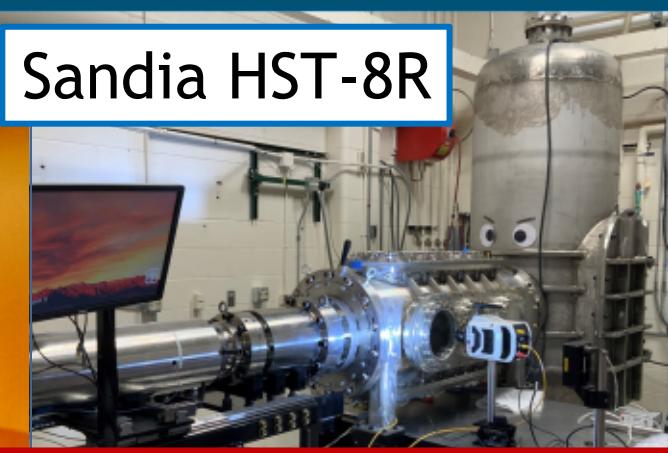
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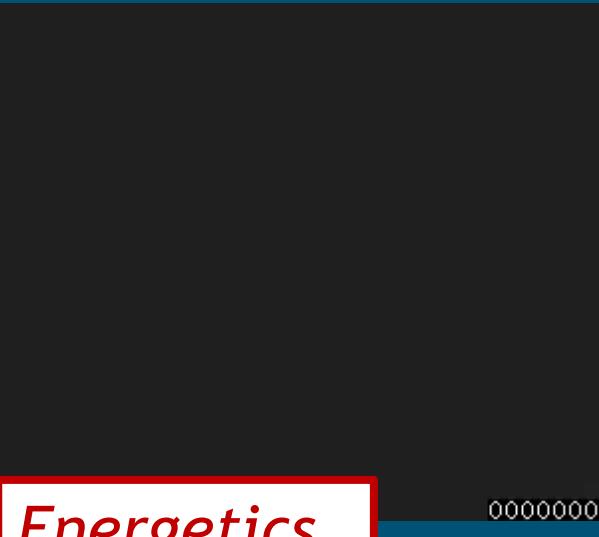


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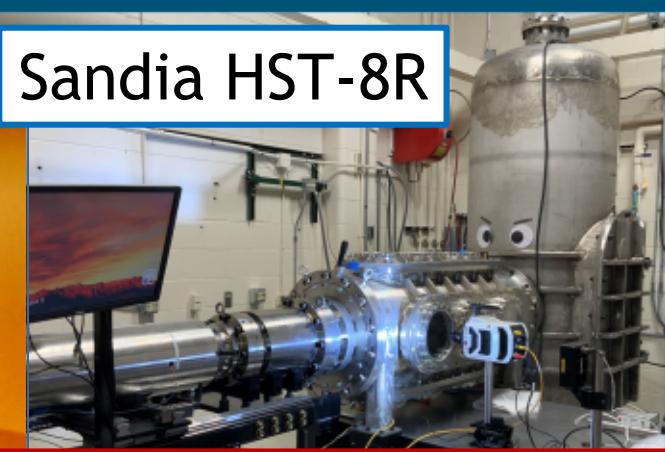
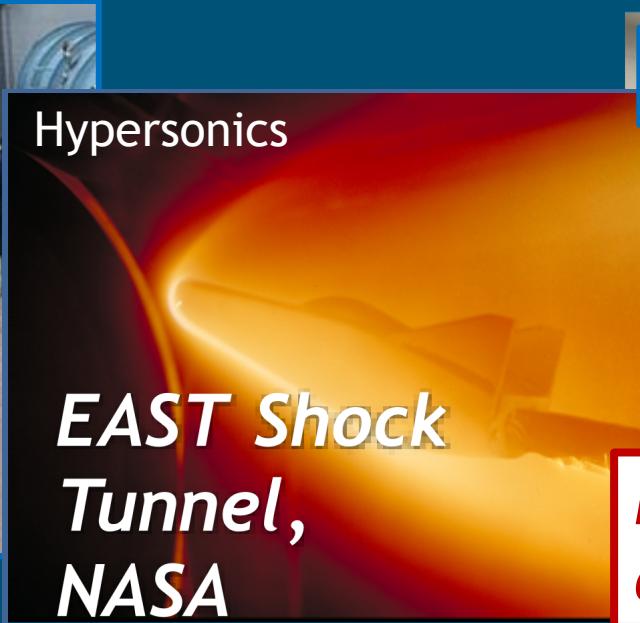
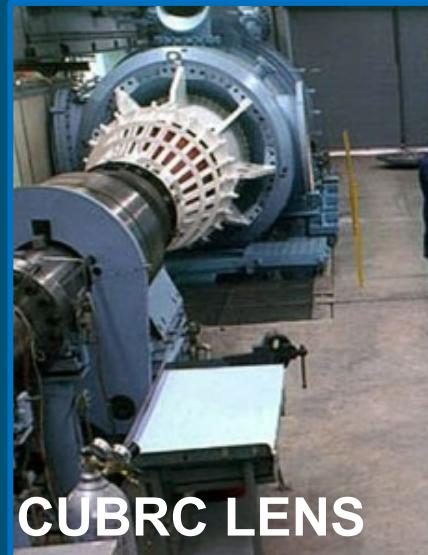
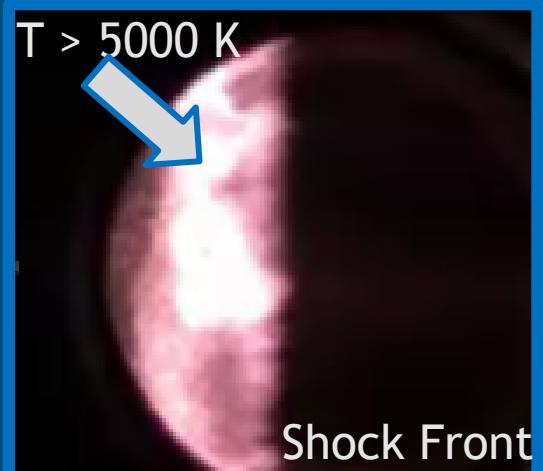


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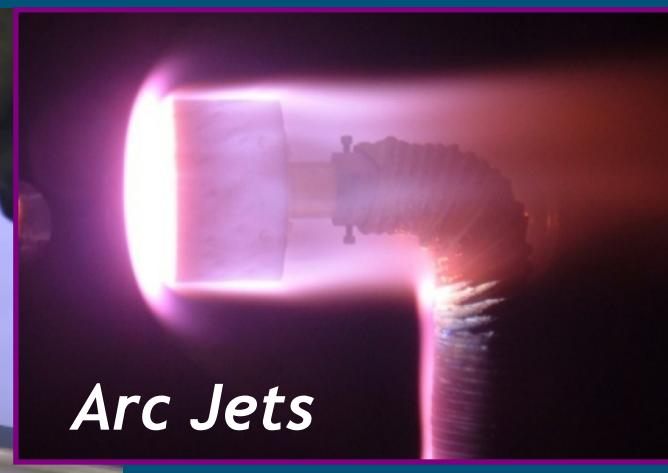
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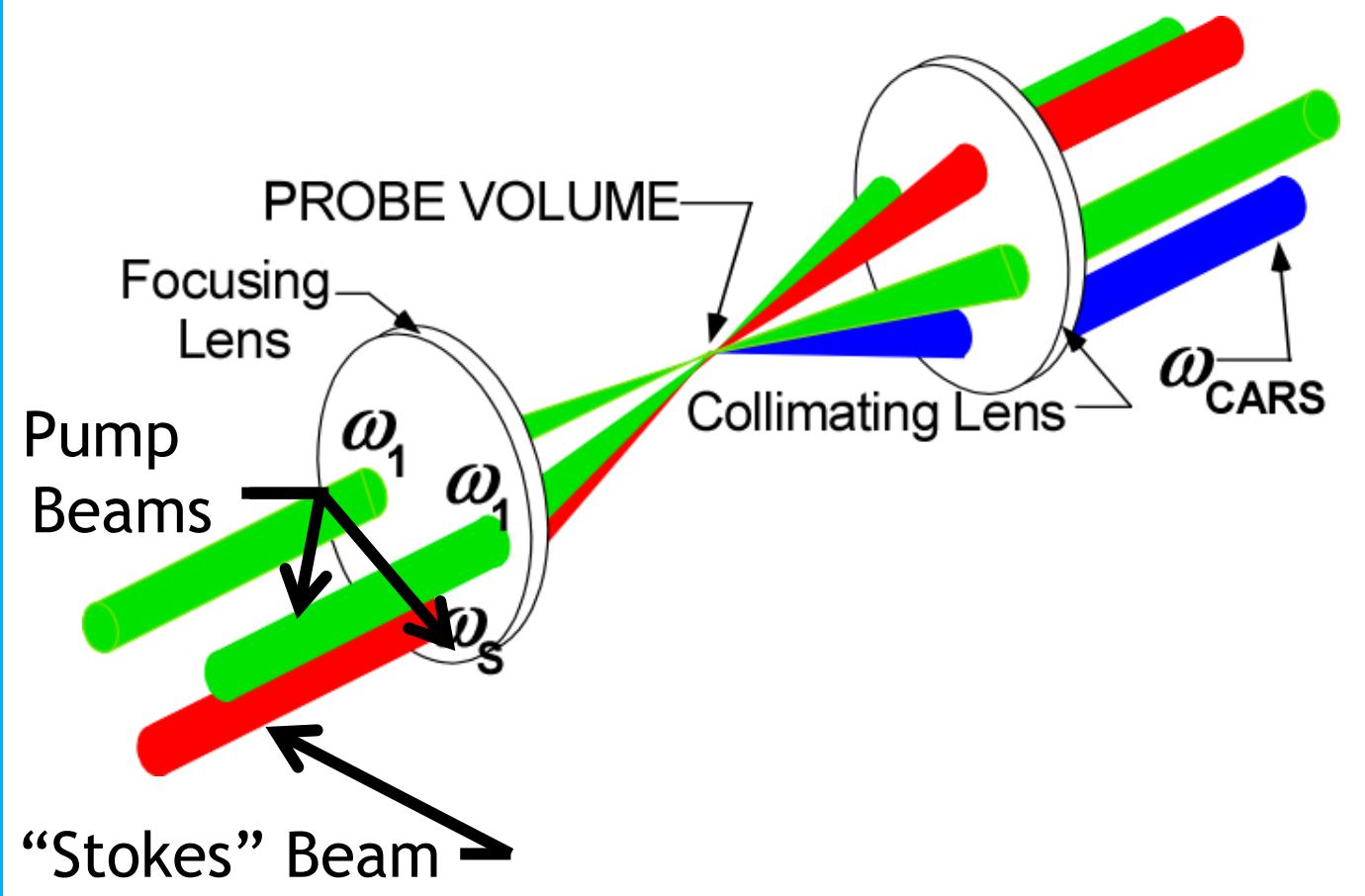
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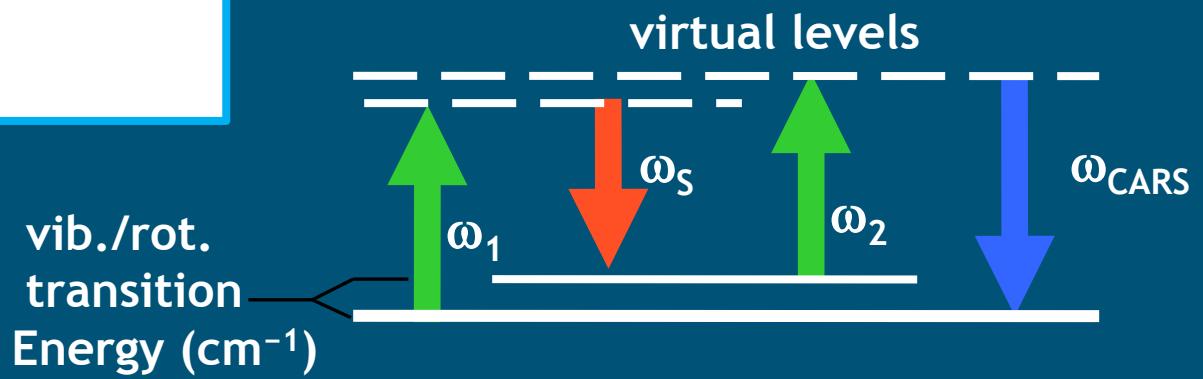
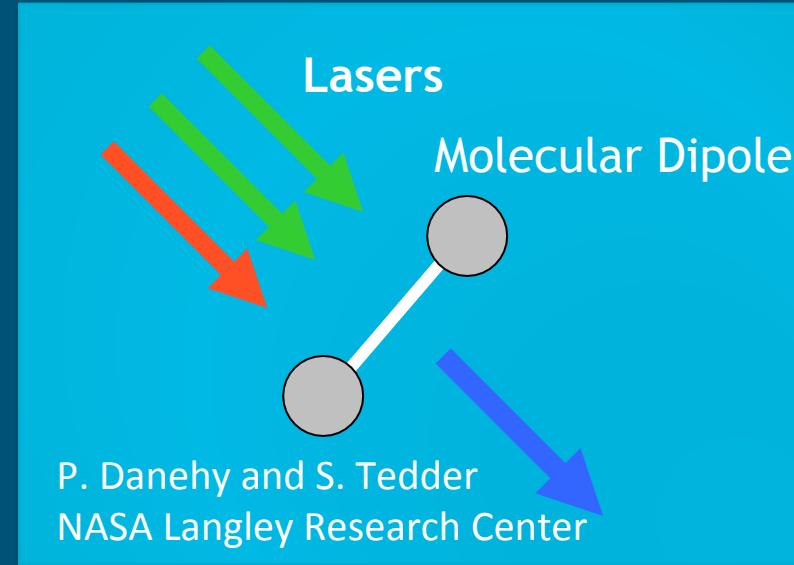
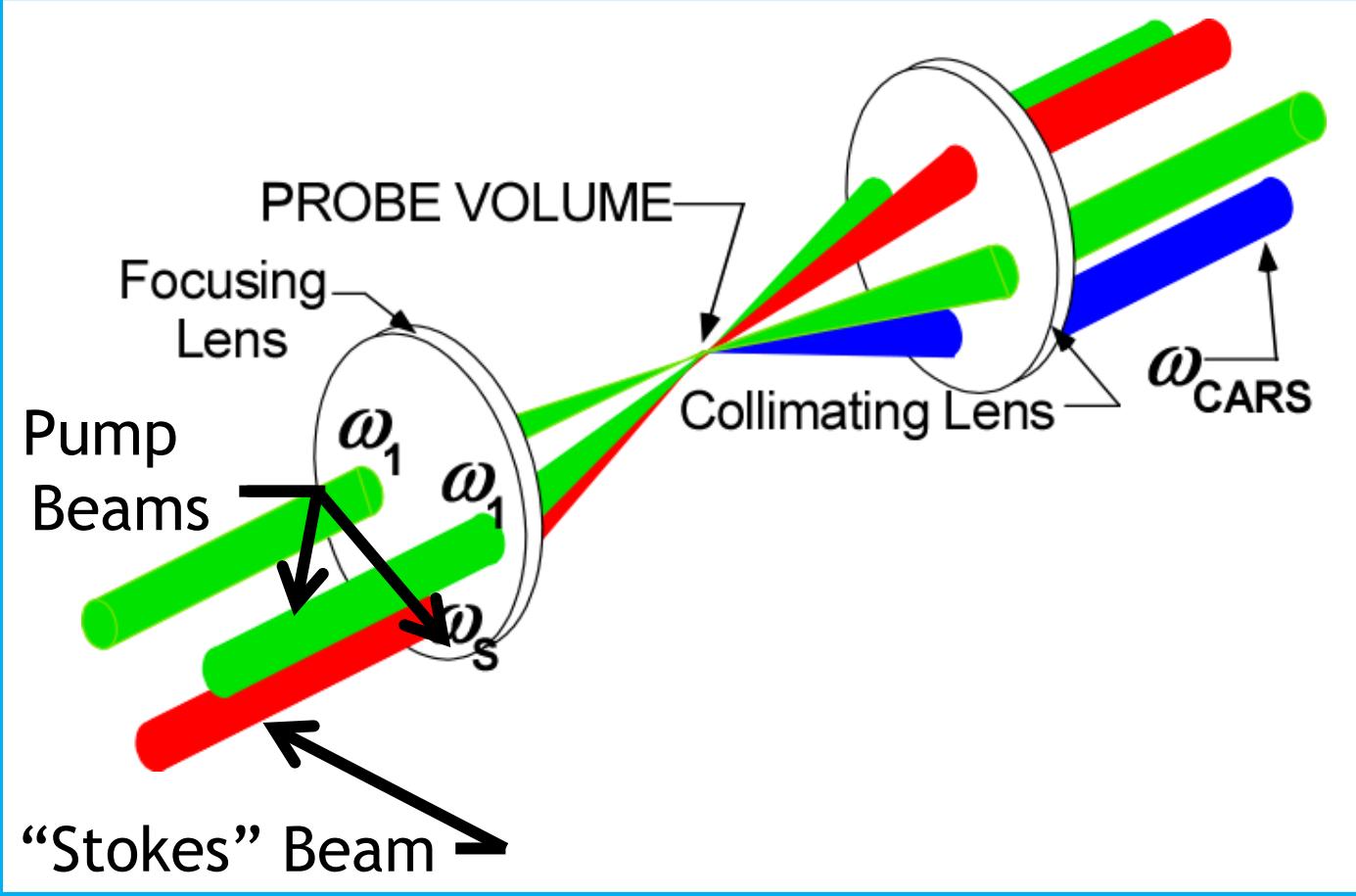
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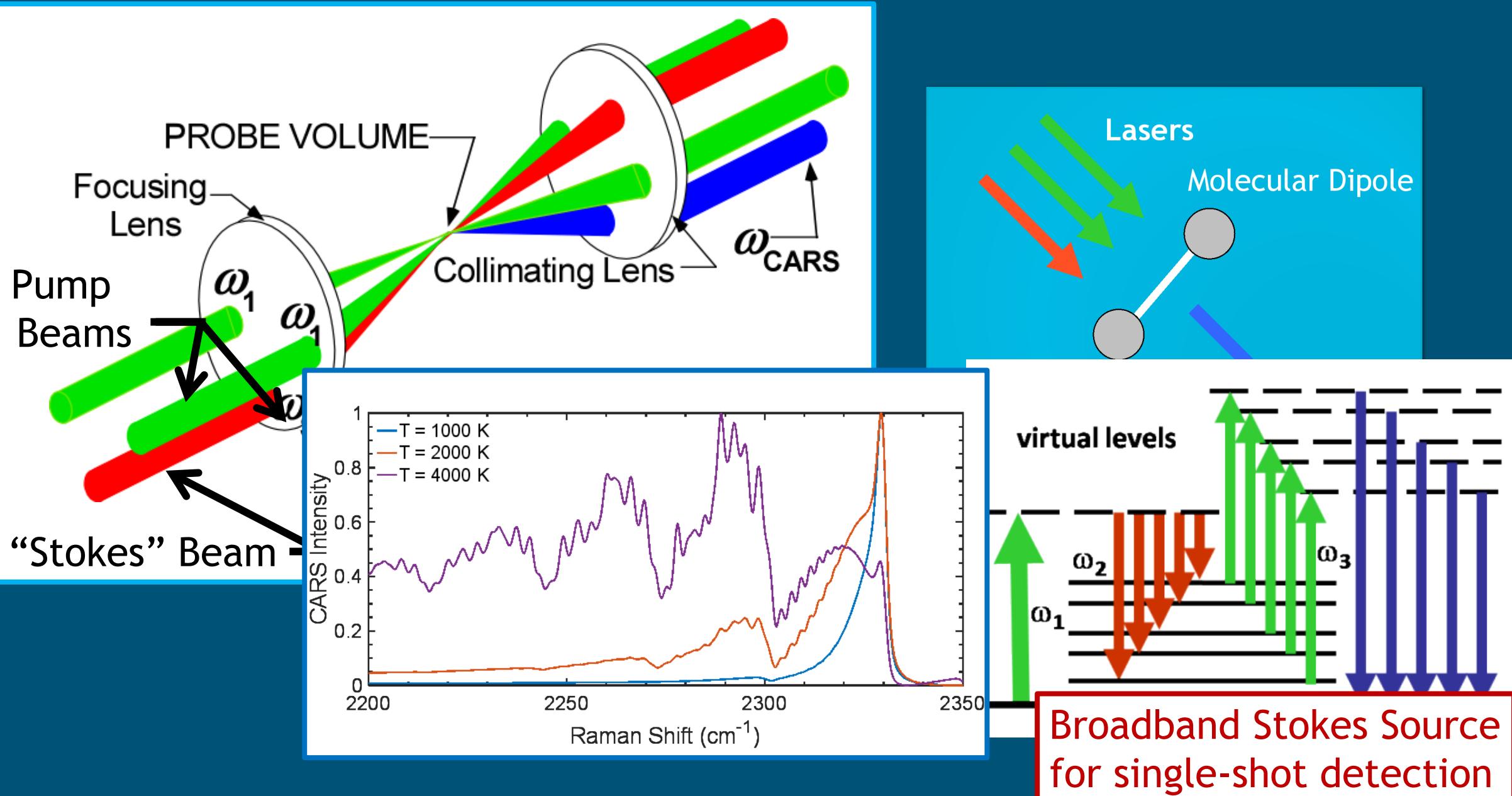
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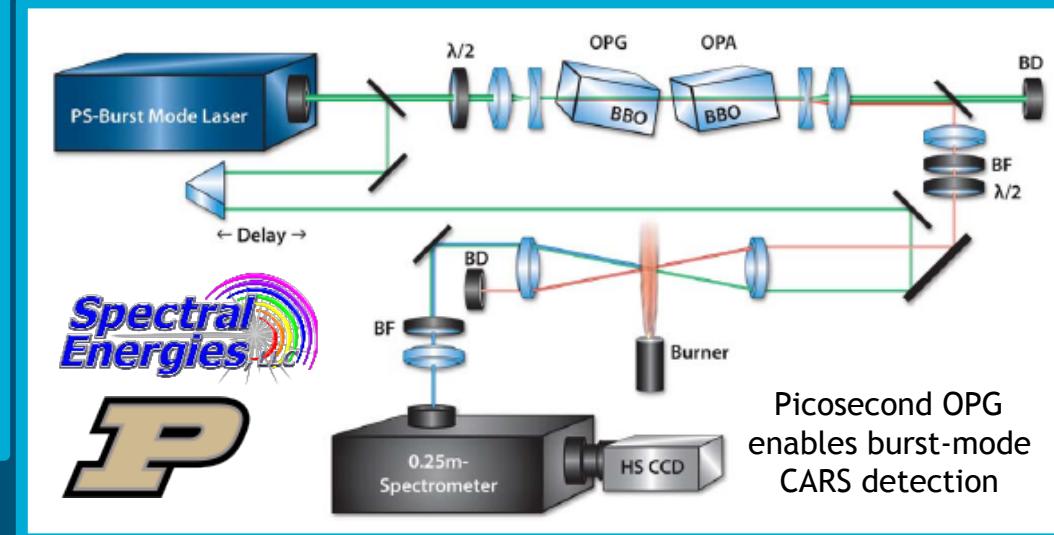
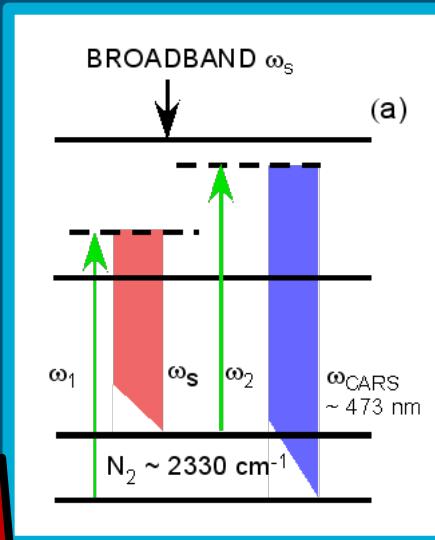
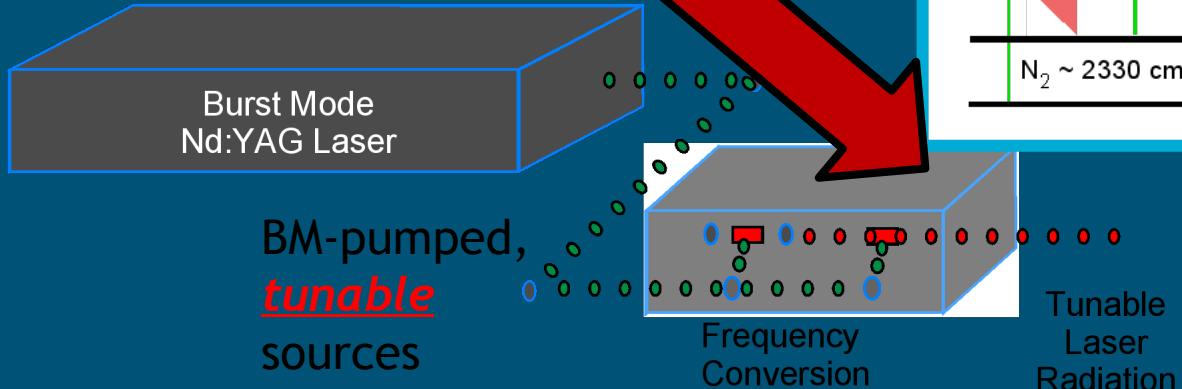
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Pulse-Burst CARS: Sandia/SE/Purdue Collaboration

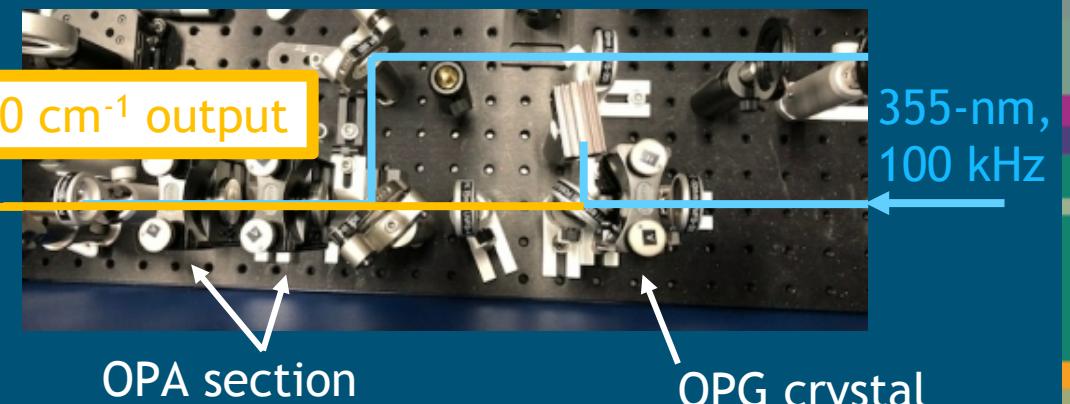


Broadband Source is Key Technical Barrier for High-Speed Measurements

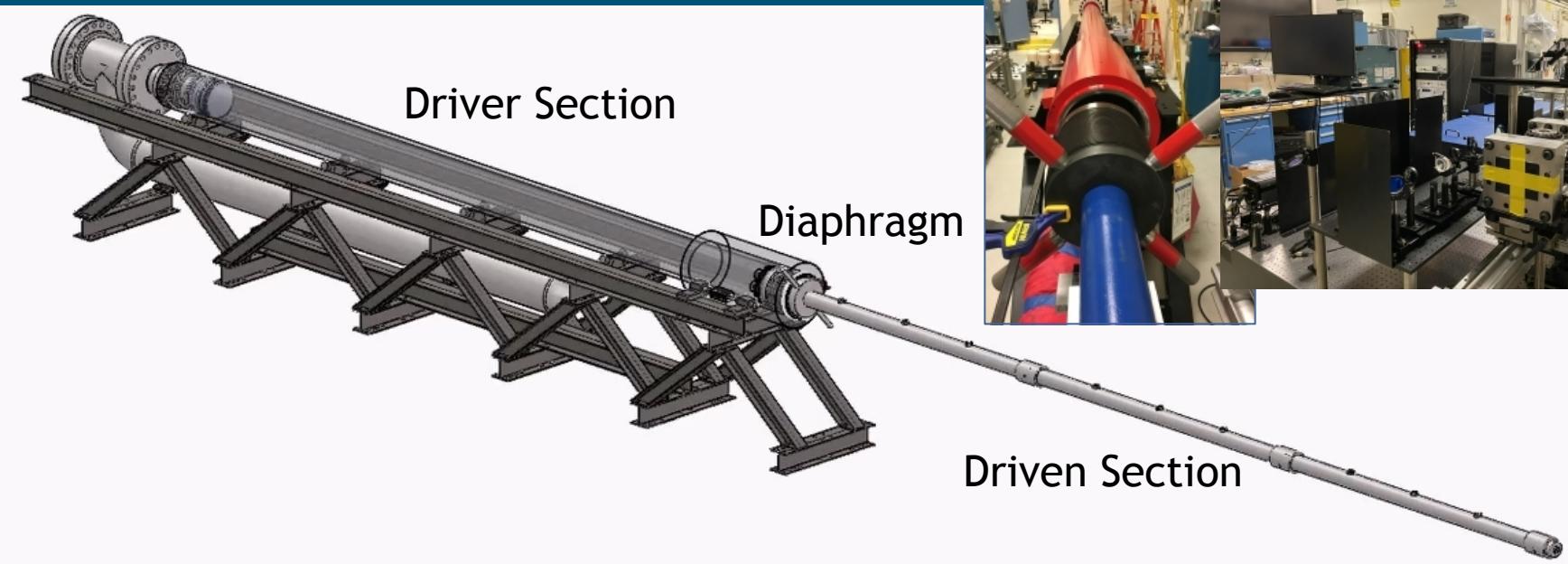


Picosecond OPG/OPA for 100-kHz broadband generation (Roy et al., 2015)

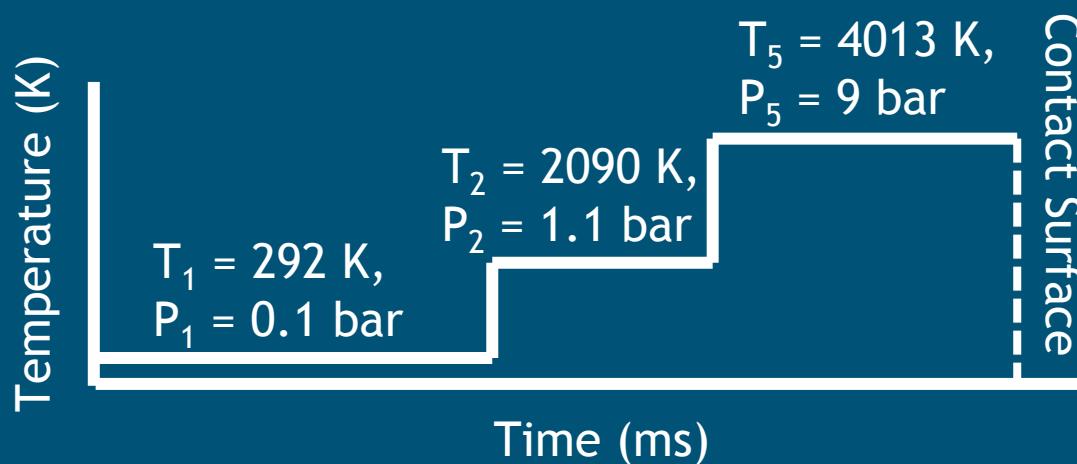
- Picosecond burst-mode laser from SE enables efficient broadband OPG and subsequent amplification
- Technology originally demonstrated in H₂/air and N₂/air flames by SE/Purdue team
- Bandwidths and 1-2 mJ pulse energies sufficient for N₂ CARS!
- Delivered to Sandia for shock tube facility measurements



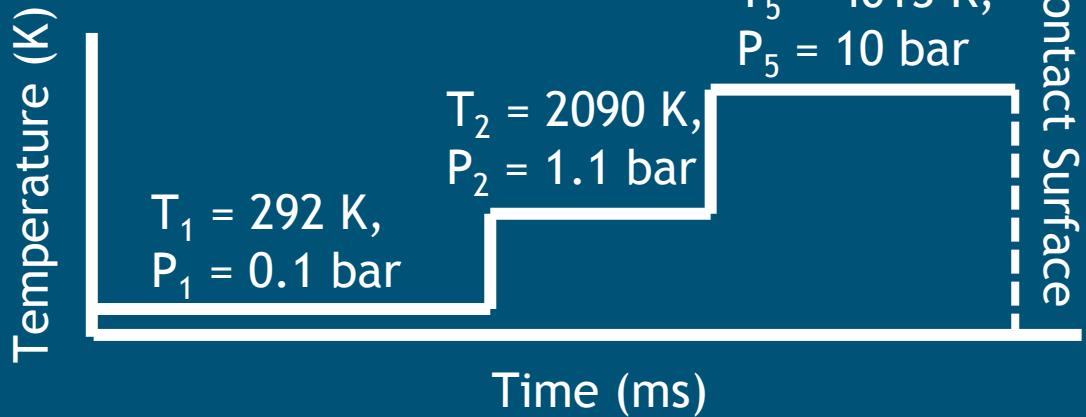
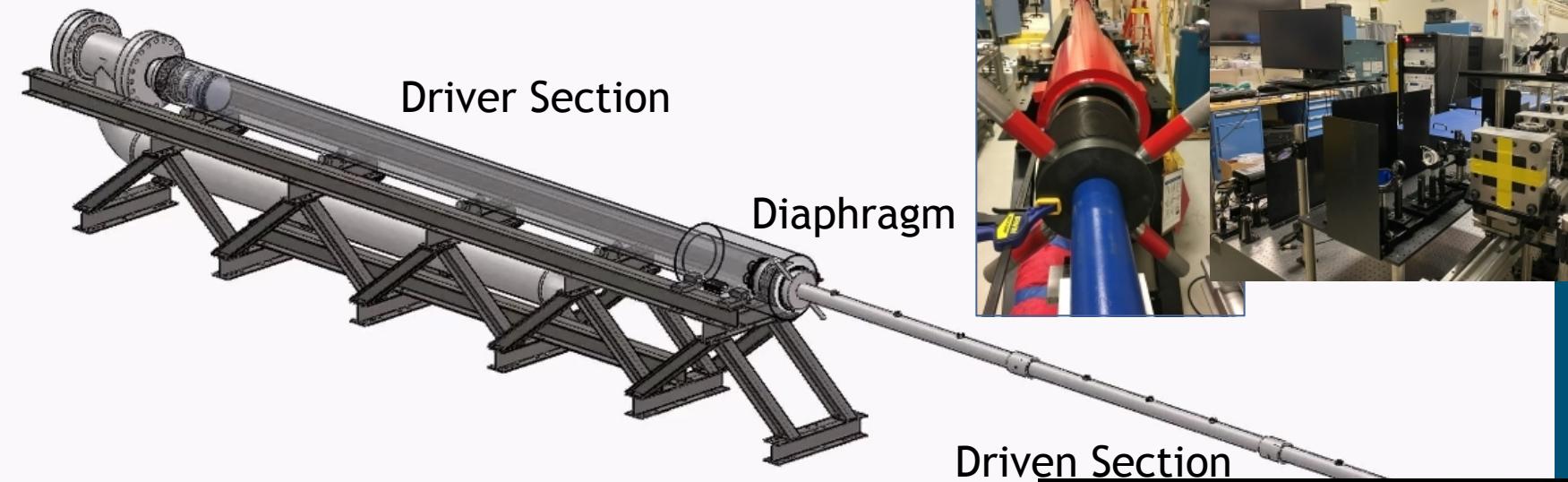
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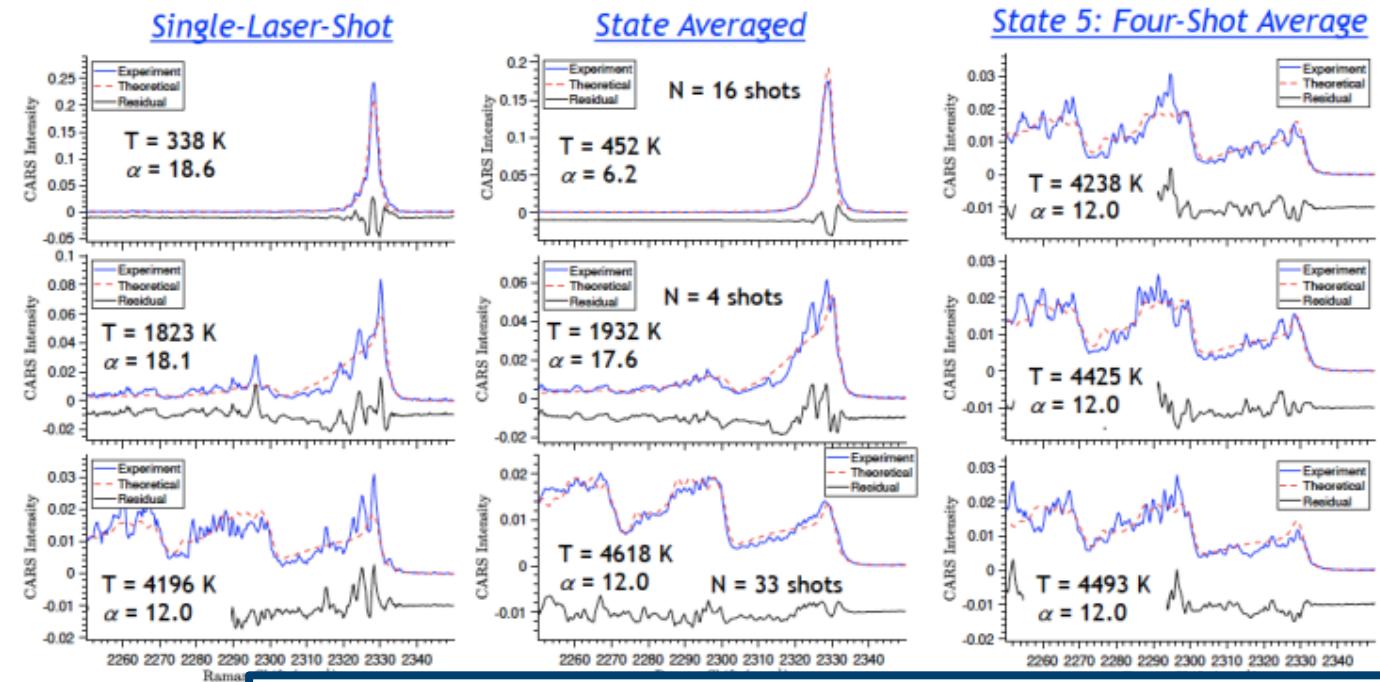
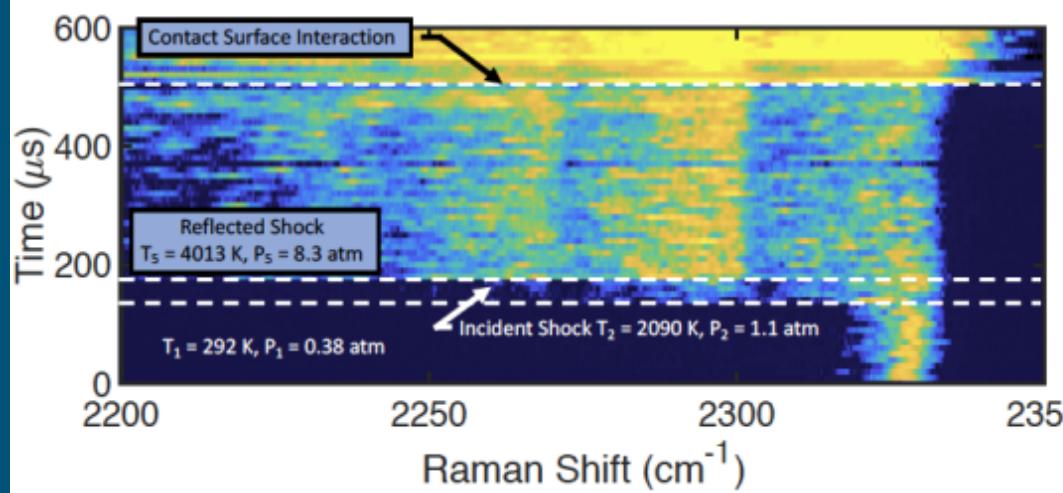


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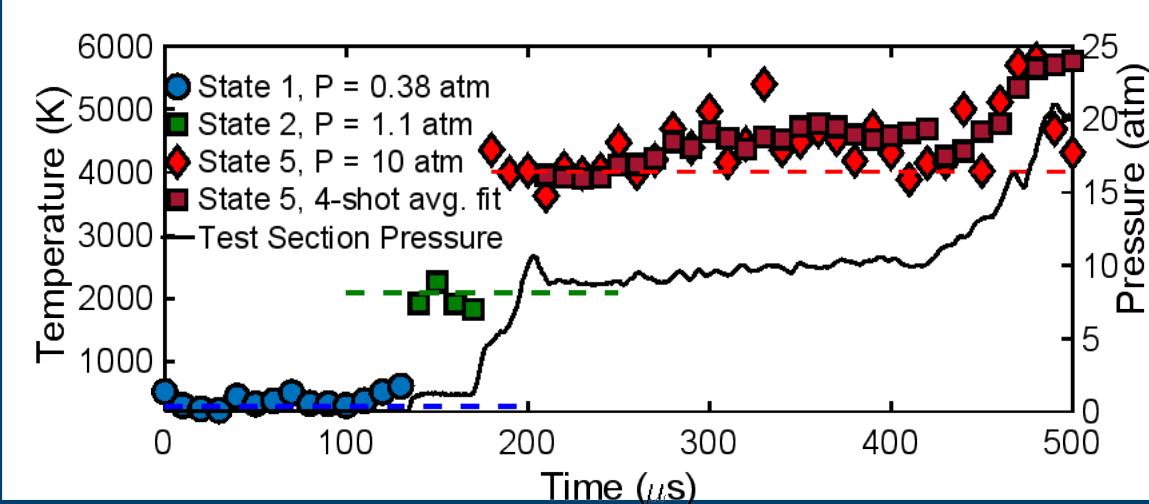
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Next Steps

- Develop appropriate models to fit picosecond CARS spectra for temperature
- Implement reference signal leg to monitor and correct the effects of Stokes pulse noise spectrum
- Insert spatial filter to minimize shock-tube emission background
- Higher temperature shots ($T_2 = 3000$ K, $T_5 = 5000$ K)
- Development of nanosecond pulse-burst CARS



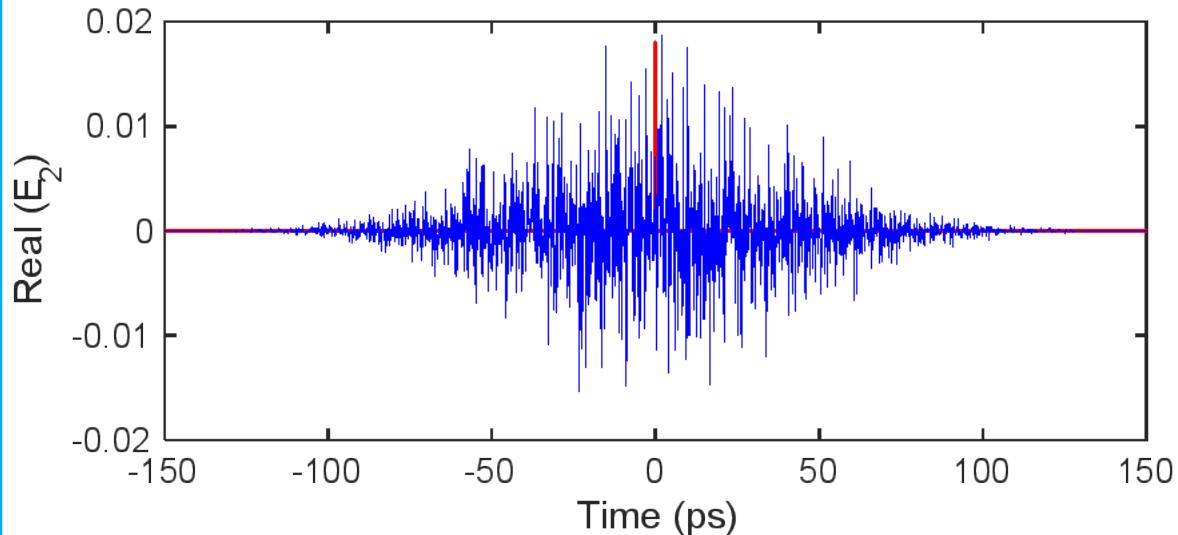
Picosecond CARS modeling and inherent single-shot noise



Dominant source of CARS noise is the quality of the broadband pulse

Time-Bandwidth Product

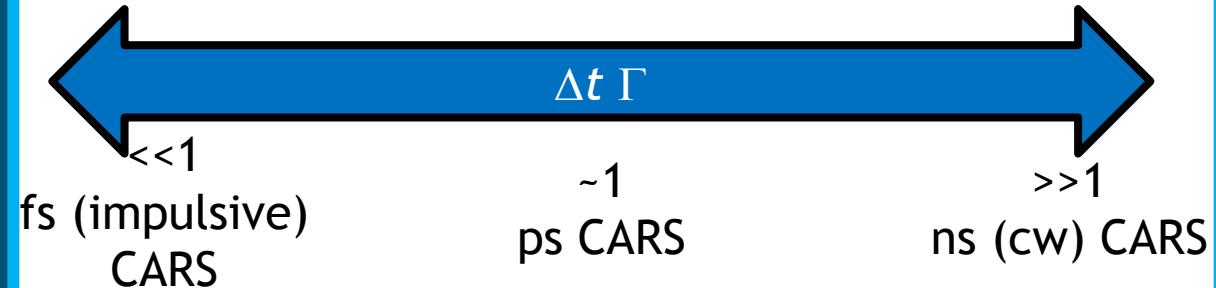
$$\Delta t [\text{ps}] \Delta \omega [\text{cm}^{-1}] \geq 14.67$$



- To achieve sufficient bandwidth for CARS, pulse must exhibit ~150-fs features - inherently noisy!

- $\Delta t \sim 50\text{-}100 \text{ ps} \sim 1/\Gamma \rightarrow$ very little averaging in the Raman process

Picosecond CARS lies between cw and impulsive limits



- A rigorous time-dependent approach is needed to calculate the expected value of the ps CARS signal

$$\langle S_4(\omega; \tau_{12}, \tau_{23}) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_1(t_1) I_2(t_1 - \tau_{12}) G(\omega; \tau_{23} - t_1) dt_1$$

Weighted by time-dependent pump/Stokes Intensities

Impulsive CARS spectrum, G

- Solution is an incoherent sum
- Uncorrelated, impulsive CARS processes

Summary and Conclusion



- Picosecond pulse-burst lasers have enable CARS diagnostics at 100-kHz rates

- Roy et al. 2015; Lauriola et al. 2021

- We have applied this picosecond innovation for N_2 CARS thermometry in the Sandia free-piston shock tube

- Extremely high temperatures, up to $T = 5000$ K
 - Pressures to ~ 10 bar
 - Significant background luminosity

- N_2 CARS temperatures in good agreement with values from equilibrium calculations

- Picosecond CARS is an enabling technology for high-speed thermometry
 - Single-shot Stokes source corrections (Lauriola et al., 2021)
 - Nanosecond burst-mode NOPO source (Jans, SciTech, 2022)

